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A highlight of this quarter was the 1986 MUFON Symposium, at which Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, presented a paper entitled "Still in Default." The title is taken from a paper originally delivered by Dr. James McDonald at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Symposium on UFOs in December 1969. Dr. McDonald's paper was entitled "Science In Default." Maccabee's presentation was an update of the paper presented nearly 20 years ago by McDonald.

Maccabee's paper pointed out that erroneous explanations for some of the earliest cases gave rise to the generally accepted opinion that all sightings could be explained. In particular, Maccabee pointed out that the late Dr. Howard Menzel, a famous Harvard astrophysicist, "solved" an important early sighting by leaving out quantitative data. The sighting was that of C.B. Moore and several Navy enlisted men (April 24, 1949), which Menzel, in his first book, Flying Saucers, called one of the "best authenticated" of the early sightings, and which he proceeded to explain as a mirage of a balloon which Moore and the others had launched. Maccabee showed that Menzel's own calculations proved that the explanation does not fit the available data. He further argued that Menzel did not include in the book the observational data available, because--if he had--any intelligent person could have immediately seen that the explanation was completely unsatisfactory.

Other early sightings that are discussed in some detail in the paper are the Kenneth Arnold sighting, reports made in 1950 during Project Twinkle, and sightings by personnel of the General Mills Skyhook balloon project. After discussing these sightings, Dr. Maccabee recounted his attempts to publish UFO papers in scientific journals. He has submitted papers to Science, Nature, Applied Optics, and the Journal of Atmospheric and Terrestrial Physics. Only in the case of Applied Optics was he able to publish two short papers, both related to the New Zealand case. The editor of that journal published the papers in spite of his claim that "UFO believers" are "99 and 44/100 percent kooks."

Dr. Maccabee's paper is published in the MUFON Symposium Proceedings available from MUFON (103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 71855-4099) for \$11.50 including postage. The Proceedings is a 186-page publication containing ten major papers. One of the other papers in the Proceedings is by Dr. Richard Haines, a member of the National Board of the FUND. Dr. Haines's paper presents his analysis of a UFO photographs. Dr. Maccabee's paper alone may be obtained from the FUND for an outright contribution of \$15.00 or more, or for \$7.50 when any other publications are also ordered (see enclosed order blank).

Maccabee also spoke at the Massachusetts MUFON Symposium near Boston in August, where he presented a modified version of the above-mentioned paper.

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During this quarter, the FUND mailed our Library Set of documents and other FUND publications to Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, NY, as a contribution to the UFO collection at Coulter Library.

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The FUND will be hosting the 1987 International MUFON Symposium in Washington, DC, June 26-28, 1987. The FUND wishes to make this truly international by inviting speakers from about a dozen different countries. In September, letters of invitation went out to ufologists in the USA, Soviet Union, England, Canada, Australia, Spain, Africa, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, India, Japan, France, and to a ufologist who could represent--but does not live in--China. The FUND had indicated that it will pay expenses during the time that the speakers are in Washington, DC. However, the travel expenses are major "cost drivers" in determining whether or not this international array of ufologists can attend. The FUND is therefore beginning a special "travel fund" to be used for symposium travel expenses. We hope to raise at least \$20,000 for this worthy goal. Large contributions are certainly welcome, but we note that if each recipient of this newsletter would contribute as little as \$15.00, we would have enough money to pay the travel expenses of all the speakers.

As of this writing, ufologists from England, Italy, France, Canada, and India--and representatives of China and the U.S.--have accepted our invitation to speak at the 1987 Symposium. We will announce in the next Quarterly Report the names of those who have agreed to appear.

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Last Spring, the FUND announced the impending publication of a book by Dr. Richard Haines. The book contains the most complete analysis yet done of the disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich off the coast of Australia. At that time, publication was, indeed, "impending." However, the printer delayed and delayed for his own reasons. Finally, last August, the printer defaulted on his commitment, even after going so far as to print up his own publication announcements. Needless to say, this has left Dr. Haines and others--including the FUND--in the position of having collected money for book orders. (Recently, we were informed that Dr. Haines has found a new printer and that the book will be published.) Since we cannot yet deliver the book, we offer to those who sent us orders the opportunity of asking for the return of their money. On the other hand, it will become available eventually, and we will honor the orders when we obtain copies of the book. If we do not receive any notification to the contrary, we will assume that the money is to be retained and the book will be shipped when it becomes available.

TREASURER'S REPORT
3rd Quarter 1986

TOTAL ASSETS

<u>End of 2nd Quarter 1986</u>	<u>End of 3rd Quarter 1986</u>
Checking Account.....\$2,425.10.....	\$1,287.81
Undeposited.....394.15.....	295.93
Savings & Loan.....1,331.67.....	1,351.54
Dreyfus Account.....1,229.88.....	2,256.51 (x)
\$5,380.80.....	\$5,191.79
	(-\$189.01)

Expenditures

Income

Printing.....\$486.81	Sales.....\$653.00
Mailing services.....317.42	Donations....318.00 (z)
Research/Investigation..250.00(y)	Interest.....50.28
Postage.....110.10	\$1,021.28
Other.....45.96	(-\$189.01)
\$1,210.29	

- (x) Transfer of \$1,000 of Rapid Deployment Fund (RDF) to Dreyfus Account in order to accrue interest (appreciation)
(y) First annual Isabel Davis Memorial Award to Budd Hopkins for his UFO "abduction" case research and investigations.
(z) During this Quarter, \$170 was donated for RDF; total 1986 RDF contributions to date: \$1,464.

REPLY FORM

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Listed below is my order for materials you have available
(check whichever applies):

- ____ STILL IN DEFAULT by Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D.--A paper presented at the 1986 MUFON Symposium which points out the erroneous explanations for some of the earliest UFO cases.....\$15.00
(available for \$7.50 with the order of another publication)
- ____ AIAA PRESENTATION BY JEAN-JACQUES VELASCO--The paper presented by the head of GEPAN (Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena Study Group), the investigating group on UFOs that is part of the French National Space Center; includes a brief discussion of the "Contini" case and includes a reprint of MUFON's translation of the original report of the GEPAN investigation of that case. Forty pages, illustrated.....\$15.00
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